

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying Combined Balance Sheet All Fund Types, Account Groups and Discretely Presented Component Units; Combining Balance Sheet - Component Units - Proprietary Fund Types; Combining Statement of Plan Net Assets - Component Units - Pension Trust Funds; and Combining Balance Sheet - Component Units - All Higher Education Funds of the state of Montana as of June 30, 2001; the related Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds; Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Other Financing Sources (Uses) and Reconciliation of Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) to GAAP Basis - Unreserved Fund Balance - General and Special Revenue Fund Types; Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - All Proprietary Fund Types, Similar Trust Funds and Discretely Presented Component Units; Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings - Component Units - Proprietary Fund Types; Statement of Changes in Net Assets - Investment Trust Fund; Combining Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets - Component Units - Pension Trust Funds; Statement of Changes in Fund Balance - Component Units - All Higher Education Funds; Statement of Current Funds Revenues, Expenditures, Transfers and Other Changes - Component Units - Higher Education Fund Type; and the related Combined Statement of Cash Flows - All Proprietary Fund Types, Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Discretely Presented Component Units and Combining Statement of Cash Flows - Component Units - Proprietary Fund Types for the year then ended. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the state of Montana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Montana State Lottery, which statements reflect total assets of 7.59 percent, liabilities of 9.39 percent, and total revenues/transfers-in and expenses/transfers-out of 28.52 percent and 29.23 percent, respectively, in the Enterprise Fund. This financial activity was audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Montana State Lottery, is based solely upon the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates

made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of the other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based upon our audit and the report of the other auditors, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the state of Montana as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations, the cash flows of its proprietary and nonexpendable trust fund types and discretely presented component units, the changes in plan net assets of the investment trust fund and its component unit pension trust funds, and the changes in fund balance and current funds revenues, expenditures, transfers and other changes of the component unit higher education funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we will issue our report dated January 4, 2002, on our consideration of the state of Montana's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on File)

James Gillett, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

January 4, 2002

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